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Applicants: Kurt Nilsson

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RESPONSE TO WRITTEN ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

A response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2005 was due by August 30, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, small entity) is enclosed, extending the date to September 30, 2005. Therefore, please accept this Response as timely filed.

The Office Action required election of one of the following three Groups:

Group I of Claims 10-19;

Group II of Claims 20-25; and

Group III of Claims 26-29.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims corresponding to Group I. Applicant reserves the right to request rejoinder of the non-elected method claims, once the subject matter of the elected product claims are deemed to be in condition for allowance.

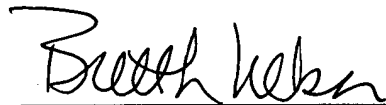
Applicant notes the Office Action required an election of species if either of Group II or Group III were elected. Since Group I is being elected, no election of species is made.

Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

If any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 are due in this filing, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033972.549252. If an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is necessary and not included herewith, such an extension is requested. The extension fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033972.549252.

Respectfully submitted,

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